**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Committee Secretary:

Speaker A Mbanga x 3218

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

 Thursday, 19 May 2016, E249

Present:

B Mbete (Speaker)

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|  Bhengu, F |  Dlakude, DE (Deputy Chief Whip of the  Majority Party) |
|  Boroto, MG (House Chairperson)  |  Koornhof, Dr GW |
|  Didiza, AT (House Chairperson) |  Mthembu, JM (Chief Whip of the Majority Party) |
|  Frolick, CT (House Chairperson) |  Waters, M |

Staff in attendance:

G Mgidlana (Secretary to Parliament), M Xaso (Secretary to the NA), N Bell (Constitutional and Legal Services Office) and S Tshabalala (Committees).

**1.** **Opening remarks**

House Chairperson Mr Frolick opened the meeting at 08:33.

**2.** **Apologies**

 Apologies were tendered on behalf of Mr SL Tsenoli (Deputy Speaker), Mr JH

 Steenhuisen (Chief Whip of the Opposition), Mr N Singh and Prof NM Khubisa.

**3.** **Consideration of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**4.** **Consideration of Minutes of 12 May 2016**

On the proposal of Mr Bhengu, seconded by Mr Waters, the minutes of 12 May were adopted.

**5. Report by the Committee Section**

Mr Tshabalala presented a document on Bills and other matters before committees as follows:

The Portfolio Committee on Education and Training had finalised the *Higher Education Amendment Bill*. The Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry would schedule a meeting to consider amendments proposed by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) on the *Expropriation Bill* and the Portfolio Committee on Transport held a briefing on the *National Land Transport Amendment Bill* and *Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Amendment Bill* on Tuesday, 17 May.

The Ad Hoc Joint Committee to nominate members of the Board of National Youth Development Agency was scheduled to hold further deliberations in the morning of Thursday, 19 May. The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services had finalised the reports on appointment of full-time commissioners to the South African Human Rights Commission, Information Regulator and the National Council for Correctional Services.

House Chairperson, Mr Frolick reminded the Committee that the term of Office of the Public Protector would end in October 2016. The ad hoc committee to nominate a person for appointment as new Public Protector would be established by resolution of the House and would comprise of 11 members as follows: ANC 6, DA 2, EFF 1 and other parties 2. It would be required to report to the House by 31 August 2016.

He urged parties to urgently submit names of members of the committee to the Office of the Speaker so that the ad hoc committee could begin its meetings the following week.

**6. Report by Bills Office**

Mr Bell presented a report on bills before the National Assembly committees and confirmed that the *Higher Education* *Amendment Bill* had indeed been finalised by the respective committee and was ready for consideration by the House. He also indicated that the *Financial Intelligence Centre Amendment Bill* and *Appropriation Bill* had been sent to the NCOP for consideration, and the *Division of Revenue Bill* had been sent to the President for assent.

**7. Consideration of draft Parliamentary programme**

Mr Bhengu presented the parliamentary programme for the Second Term, as follows:

The condolence motion for Ms Dene Smuts, members’ statements, Second Reading debate on *Higher Education Amendment Bill* and the ACDP motion on ``*restoring the image of the National Assembly in light of recent developments’’*  were scheduled for Tuesday, 24 May.

Questions to the Deputy President and Peace and Security cluster, consideration of request for approval of*Draft regulations on levies and fees pertaining to the Community Schemes Ombud Service*,thedebate on Africa Day under the theme “*Building a better Africa and a better world”* were scheduled for Wednesday, 25 May.

The Second Reading debate on *Children’s Amendment Bill* and *Children’s Second Amendment Bill*, consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry on *Remote Gambling Bill*, *Report of Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Request for recommendation of candidates for appointment to the Board of National Youth Development Agency* were also scheduled for Wednesday, 25 May. On that day, the House would also consider the requests for recommendations of persons for appointment to the South African Human Rights Commissionand Information Regulator*,* as well as the introduction of the *Rates and Monetary Amounts and Amendment of Revenue Laws Bill,* and *Rates and Monetary Amounts and Amendment of Revenue Laws (Administration) Bill*. The Minister of Finance had requested a debate on “*Building collective action for inclusive growth”* to be also scheduled for that day.

Mr Xaso indicated that the First Report of the NA Rules Committee would be considered by the House on Thursday, 26 May and parties would be given opportunities to make declarations. Once adopted the new Rules would be applicable from the following day.

Mr Bhengu also presented the draft Parliamentary Programme for the Third. In terms of the programme the Constituency Period has been reserved for the week of 8 - 12 August and the week of 15 – 19 August had been proposed for committees. Plenaries would start in the week of 22 August to 23 September. The proposed dates would be considered by the Joint Programme Committee (JPC) the following week.

Dr Koornhof reminded the Committee that the government’s legislative list contained 33 pieces of legislation, in addition to bills that had already been before committees. It was AGREED that a complete list of legislation should be tabled at the JPC meeting the following week.

House Chairperson Ms Didiza reminded the Committee that the Annual General Meeting of Parmed was scheduled for Friday, 10 June. She urged parties to send representatives to attend the meeting.

**8.** **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**9. Closure**

The meeting adjourned at 08:50.